

MIXING UP OF CASE SHEETS OF TWO WOMEN PATIENTS OF IDENTICAL NAME IN THE HOSPITAL AT MYSORE.

*Q.—142. Sri F. W. CORBETT (Nominated).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the circumstances under which the case sheets of two women patients of almost identical name were mixed up in the hospital at Mysore on the 11th October, 1960, as a result of which the body of “Langa Lingamma” who died was handed over to one Kalaiah whose wife “Lingamma” was still alive;

(b) the action taken against the persons responsible for such an error which must have caused much distress to all concerned;

(c) what action is being taken to prevent such incidents in hospitals in future?

A.—Dr. K. K. HEGDE (Minister for Health).—

(a) The case-sheets of the same name of Smt. Ningamma were affixed to the same Chart Board accidentally.

(b) An enquiry has been held and the person responsible has been punished.

(c) Circular instructions have been issued to all Institutions in the State to be very careful in such matters in future and such instances will be dealt with in future.

Sri F. W. CORBETT.—Did the doctor also sent the death certificate?

Dr. K. K. HEGDE.—He verified the name and certified.

Sri F. W. CORBETT.—Was the body examined and identified before being handed over to the husband?

Dr. K. K. HEGDE.—Parties were given ample opportunity to identify before the body was taken. But, they took away the body and later the children identified and brought it to the notice of the authorities and it was then handed over to the proper persons.

Sri F. W. CORBETT.—What is the punishment given to the persons involved in this?

Dr. K. K. HEGDE.—The Nurse was fined and the doctor was also warned.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Who was the doctor that was responsible for this unhappy incident?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Why does he want to know the name? That is not necessary.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—On enquiry, what is the decision the Government arrived at?

Dr. K. K. HEGDE.—It was decided that there was some lapse on the part of the nurse and the doctor.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Who was the staff nurse of the ward ?

Dr. K. K. HEGDE.—The nurse who was in charge of the ward at that time.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up.)

CONSTRUCTION OF BILIGANAKUPPE MANDERI TANK IN KANAKAPURA TALUK.

*Q.—31. Sri S. KARIAPPA (Virupakshipur) :—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the date on which the estimate of Biliganakuppe Manderi tank in Kanakapura Taluk was sanctioned ;

(b) the date on which tenders or quotations were called for ;

(c) the date on which the work was entrusted to the contractor ;

(d) the date on which the construction was actually begun ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) 12th April 1960.

(b) Tenders were called for, for the first time on 3rd June 1960 ; for the second time, on 22nd August 1960 and finally on 28th September 1960.

(c) The work has not yet been entrusted to the contractor.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (c) above.

RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME FOR HAROHALLI IN KANAKAPURA TALUK.

*Q.—32. Sri S. KARIAPPA (Virupakshipur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the date of sanction of the Rural Water Supply Scheme for Harohalli, Kanakapura Taluk ;

(b) the date on which quotations or tenders were called for ;

(c) the date on which the work was entrusted to the contractor ;

(d) the stage at which the work stands at present ?